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TO : IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO,
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS
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DATE : 31 AUGUST 1974

SUBJECT : NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER DIES

REF : FBIS 45, 311140Z AUG 74, UNCLAS

PRIME MINISTER KIRK'S SUDDEN DEATH WILL, IN VIEW OF HIS
LABOR PARTY'S LACK OF EXPERIENCED LEADERS, WEAKEN THE GOVERN-
MENT'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND LABOR AGITATION.
THE ACCESSION OF [REDACTED] DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER HUGH WATT TO THE PRIME MINISTERSHIP RAISES THE POSSIBILITY
OF A LEADERSHIP STRUGGLE. PRESSURES WILL PROBABLY GROW FOR
REMOVING WATT AT THE PARTY CAUCUS NOW SET FOR NOVEMBER. DEFENSE
MINISTER FAULKNER APPEARS TO BE FRONT RUNNER SHOULD A MOVEMENT
AGAINST WATT GAIN MOMENTUM. ALTHOUGH THE OPPOSITION NATIONAL
PARTY NO DOUBT SEES ITS ELECTORAL PROSPECTS BRIGHTENED BY KIRK'S

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DEATH, LABOR'S COMMANDING LEAD IN PARLIAMENT MAKES IT UNLIKELY THAT
ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DATE OF NOVEMBER

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